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CONTRIBUTION LIMITS PER ELECTION CYCLE (Effective 1/1/15)

- I. CANDIDATE POLITICAL COMMITTEE
 - a. \$5,400 from an *individual*
 - b. \$10,800 from a *corporation, labor organization, or association*
 - c. \$53,900 from a *candidate political committee or political action committee*
 - d. No limits from *political party committee* except during an election cycle in which the candidate seeks nomination at a primary election
 - e. During an election cycle in which the candidate seeks nomination at a primary election, a *political party committee* may contribute:
 - i. \$215,800 to candidate for statewide office
 - ii. \$134,900 to a candidate for Senate, Supreme or Appellate court in Cook County, county-wide office in Cook County
 - iii. \$80,900 to candidate for House, Supreme or Appellate court outside of Cook County, county-wide office outside of Cook County, and local candidates within Cook County
 - iv. \$53,900 to any other candidate.
- II. POLITICAL PARTY COMMITTEE
 - a. \$10,800 from an *individual*
 - b. \$21,600 from a *corporation, labor organization, or association*
 - c. \$53,900 from a *political action committee*
 - d. No transfers permitted between legislative caucus committees
 - e. No limits on contributions from other political party committees or candidate committees
 - f. No limits on transfers between state political party committee and federal political party committee
- III. POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE
 - a. \$10,800 from an *individual*
 - b. \$21,600 from a *corporation, labor organization, political party committee or association*
 - c. \$53,900 from a *political action committee or candidate political committee*
- IV. BALLOT INITIATIVE COMMITTEE
 - a. No limits from any source – cannot contribute to any other type of committee
- V. INDEPENDENT-EXPENDITURE-ONLY COMMITTEE
 - a. No limits from any source – cannot make direct contributions or coordinated expenditures

ELECTION CYCLES

I. CANDIDATE POLITICAL COMMITTEE

- a. Support candidate to be elected at a general primary election or general election**
 - i. Beginning January 1 following general election for office to which candidate seeks nomination or election and ending on day of general primary election for that office, or**
 - ii. Beginning day after a general primary election for the office to which the candidate seeks nomination or election and through December 31 following the general election.**
- b. Support candidate for General Assembly**
 - i. Beginning January 1 following a general election and ending on day of next general primary election, or**
 - ii. Beginning day after general primary election and ending on December 31 following a general election (2 year)**
- c. Support candidate for retention**
 - i. Beginning January 1 following general election when candidate was elected through day candidate files declaration of intent to seek retention, or**
 - ii. Beginning day after candidate files declaration of intent to seek retention through December 31 following retention election**
- d. Support candidate to be elected at consolidated primary election or consolidated election**
 - i. Beginning July 1 following a consolidated election and ending on day of consolidated primary election, or**
 - ii. Beginning day after consolidated primary election and ending on June 30th following consolidated election**

II. POLITICAL PARTY COMMITTEE

- a. Beginning January 1 and ending on December 31 of each calendar year (1 calendar year)**

III. POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

- a. Beginning January 1 and ending on December 31 of each calendar year (1 calendar year)**

IV. BALLOT INITIATIVE COMMITTEE

- a. Beginning January 1 and ending on December 31 of each calendar year (1 calendar year)**

V. INDEPENDENT-EXPENDITURE-ONLY COMMITTEE

- a. Not applicable. (See Contribution Limits brochure.)**